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No to urban tolled highway (SKP)

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I WAS shocked to read about a new tolled urban highway traversing through the heart of Petaling Jaya from Tropicana to Puchong.

Haven't we learnt from all the inconvenience and pain caused by the LDP? The LDP highway was designed to favour the toll-paying road users to the detriment of the local PJ traffic. When the LDP was built many existing exits from housing schemes were closed off to limit the number of interchanges needed to be built for the LDP so as not to interrupt the through traffic and reduce construction cost. The closing of many existing exits resulted in residential traffic having to congregate towards the limited remaining exits causing higher traffic flows through residential streets and local congestion.

The LDP is now so congested due to through traffic which is using it as a shortcut adding noise and pollution to the residential areas on both sides of the highway. The LDP has effectively bisected PJ.

The congestion is so bad that residents are now queuing to pay toll and then to re-join the queue after paying toll. This is outrageous as we pay toll for convenience and to enjoy a free-flowing drive. The LDP should not be allowed to continue collecting toll when it is jammed all the time.

I hope that residents in PJ will join up and protest against this highway proposal before it is too late.

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